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MRS. DAWSON IS FIRST TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Frances Dawson is the first to make a definite announcement for a county office in Briscoe County. Her formal announcement for the office of county treasurer appears elsewhere in this issue of the News.

Mrs. Dawson is very well and favorably known in the county and especially in Silvertown where she has lived for the past three years. She promises the voters that if she is elected the duties of the office will be carefully and efficiently carried out. Mrs. Dawson states that she has been actively connected with the business world for the past 20 years, in various capacities and that she is equipped by experience and training for the work required of her in the office of county treasurer. Aside from her business abilities Mrs. Dawson is a graduate trained nurse. She came here with her husband from East Texas about three years ago. Shortly after coming here, Mr. Dawson contracted an illness and was sick for more than a year, dying last summer. Mrs. Dawson owns a home in Silvertown and also has some property in East Texas.

STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL HALF DOLLARS HERE

Silvertown's allotment of the stone mountain memorial half dollars has arrived and the coins may be had at the First National bank.

Mrs. J. S. Fisher is local chairman of the special drive now being put on to dispose of the coins at a premium, the premium going to the fund for the completion of the Stone Mountain Memorial to the Confederacy. Only about 25 of Silvertown's quota of 167 have been disposed of to date and it is hoped that everyone with the least bit of patriotism will want one or more of the coins and will call for them within the next few days. They are being sold at 50c premium.

Not only have the Congress and President of the United States conferred a decoration of valor upon our fathers without a parallel in the history of any country, but they have invested it with distinctions which place it above all other coins of the United States and makes it unique among the coins of all Nations.

From the standpoint of numbers, it is ten times greater than any other special memorial coin ever issued by the United States, and the number was placed at five million because it was believed by Congress that among twenty-five or thirty million descendants of Confederate soldiers, less than five million would be so inadequate as to make the coinage a disappointment.

From the standpoint of value, it is placed on a par with gold by a provision of the Act expressly stipulating that Confederate Memorial half-dollars shall be good for the payment of debts, public or private, up to any amount, whereas ordinary half-dollars are legal tender only for a limited amount.

It is the only coin issued by the United States in memory of any American army, and the army in whose memory it was issued was not the army of the United States, but the army of the Confederate States, which was at war with the United States.

It is one of few coins, if not the only one, issued by the United States to commemorate purely a quality of character, which gives it a spiritual significance in contrast with other special coins commemorating material events.

It bears on its face the images of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson on horseback in uniform, with the sword of Lee resting in its scabbard by his side.

No other coin of the United

FIRST OF 199 SHIPS BEING DISMANTLED BY FORD

The first of the fleet of 199 ships purchased by Henry Ford from the United States Shipping Board to be scrapped for the manufacture of Ford products, reached the River Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Company, Thursday, December 17. Hitched to a snorting tug, the big steel freighter slowly breasted the choppy water of the Detroit River and finally dropped in the Rouge slip, its last voyage completed.

The ship—Lake Fondulac—barely escaped the grip of winter all the way along the route to Detroit. In the St Lawrence it was necessary to plow lanes through ice fields already formed and the ship with its tug passed through the Welland Canal on Dec. 15, the day before the canal was closed for the winter. On the high sea, gales buffeted the staunch tug and its helpless burden. On three occasions all wireless communication was destroyed and the Ballcamp—one of seen sea-going tug also purchased by Ford—was forced to seek the protection of Atlantic harbors for its charge.

Eleven men were carried by the Lake Fondulac on its trip to the River Rouge and the tug was manned by a crew of twenty-three. The vessel to be scrapped is of 3,500 tons cargo capacity 251 feet long with beam of 43.5 feet. Upon its arrival at the Rouge plant, it will be dismantled and all boilers, pumps and other useable equipment salvaged. The remainder of the ship will be scrapped, its steel to be used in the manufacture of Ford cars and trucks and Fordson tractors.

Although the vessel is incapable of motion under its own power the boiler was kept fired all the way to Detroit to provide steam for operating winches, windlasses and for steering.

Built in Cleveland during the heroic era of the world war, the appearance of the Lake Fondulac as it rolls at anchor or passively responds to the power of the tug is one of pathetic helplessness. Its keel was laid during the final months of the war when the energy of thousands of men and millions of dollars were being spent to "build more ships". By the time it had been launched and equipped to play its part in the grim game of war, however, the war was ended.

Created on the Great Lakes for service on the high seas, the lake Fondulac comes back to the Great Lakes to be scrapped for its steel—its longest ocean voyage probably having been made at the end of a tug's tow line. All winter, cutting torches will be busy at the River Rouge in an experiment by the Ford Motor Company to determine the best manner in which to dispose of the remaining ships of the fleet.

IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE BY NEWMANS ON MIDWAY CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Newman are making considerable improvements on their cafe, having recently secured an additional one year's lease on the building.

A new front is being put in and an up-to-date restaurant counter will be installed. The seating arrangement will be changed as will the partitions and kitchen.

Mr. Newman said that he was not discouraged over the outlook for Silvertown and that he hoped for big things in 1926.

BUY NEW FORDS

P. A. Jones and Jim Watson purchased new Fords from the Burson Motor Company here last Thursday. Mr. Watson bought a two-door Sedan and Mr. Jones a Touring car.

States bears the image of a soldier in uniform, and no other bears the image of a man on horseback, but this one bears the images of two soldiers on horseback in uniform, and their uniforms are those of Confederate Generals, and their horses are the ones which bore them in command of Confederate soldiers.

Some Shoes to Fill



J. R. DAVIS BOOSTS BRISCOE COUNTY; IS DIVERSIFIER

J. R. Davis, prosperous Briscoe County farmer, who lives near the county's line on the east and owns several sections of land in this county and a little in Hall county was a business visitor in the county seat Saturday. Mr. Davis, who has six tenants on his places reports that there has been over eighty bales of cotton ginned from his land and that about sixty bales more remains on his places.

Now Mr. Davis is not going to let the cheap price of cotton discourage him in his operations for he believes in diversification anyway. Just recently his brother A. W., and family arrived, and will take charge of part of his farms. A. W. is also a believer in diversification and another year will plant broom corn, grains and also introduce another kind of cotton in this section (the African wool cotton.) Mr. A. W. Davis has four boys and at spare times they are making brooms. He had some of his brooms here Saturday which he easily found a market for. Broom corn does fine in this country and Mr. Davis brought with him a complete broom factory outfit and hopes to encourage the industry so that the farmers will never depend on cotton alone and get stuck the years that cotton is cheap. Broom corn is a good price this year.

J. R. Davis has a nice lot of brood sows on hand now and so the hog business is a money maker for him now and the same would be true with many other farmers in this county had they kept their brood stock over the past few years when there was no profit in raising hogs, the profit now would more than repay for the losses of the past.

Mr. Davis was a strong enough believer in this country to be able to get his brother to move here even though his brother does own a nice farm of 1000 acres in Summerville county and was making money there right along. Also owning a saw mill there.

ROBBERIES HERE LAST NIGHT

Silvertown business men suffered two robberies last night. Someone broke out a pane of glass from the window of the Peoples Pharmacy and stole a number of the boxes which this firm had in the window for a grab box sale. Another robber, or perhaps the same one, cut the screen off the back window of the Orange Cafe and after stealing a number of cartons of cigarettes threw a match into a pile of waste and for the timely discovery of the blaze by Price Stone as he was returning from a party the building might have gone up in flames.

The clues secured may lead to the finding of the thieves.

NEW THEATRE OWNER BOOKING BIG PICTURES HERE

Raymond Patton, new owner of the Folly Theatre, is booking many big, new pictures to be shown here in the near future. Mr. Patton says that it is his intention to give the picture loving public here the best pictures to be had, if sufficient interest is shown to make it at all possible.

He now has his machine in excellent working condition and patrons have been high in their praise of the way he is conducting the business.

He announces for Friday night "The Wonder Dog of the Screen" Strongheart in "The Love Master" for Saturday night. Hoot Gibson in "Spok Ranch." For Jan. 5 and 6 he has secured the Metro-Goldwin production "The White Desert." Rupert Hughes' famous production of "Excuse Me" will appear at the Folly, Feb. 16 and 17, and many other notable pictures are to be announced, according to Mr. Patton.

TWO MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED DAY AFTER XMAS

County clerk T. L. Anderson issued two licenses Dec. 26. They were to Grear Smith and Cemattha Montgomery, from the east-end part of the county and to Elbert Hedrick and Winnie Findley of Turkey. A couple made application for a license Tuesday but they were strangers to Mr. Anderson and were not prepared to prove their ages so the license was not issued. They were Harry Lawrence of Eastland County and Miss Nottingham, who gave her address as Plainview.

MRS. FRANCES DAWSON ANNOUNCES FOR OFFICE

This will announce my candidacy for the office of County Treasurer in Briscoe County. In making such an announcement I feel that I am fully qualified to perform all the duties of the office and should you elect me to the office promise that I will work untiringly to see that my work is carefully and efficiently carried out. I have been actively engaged in business for more than 20 years and am familiar with the kind of work that will be required of me. I can keep the books of the office neatly and accurately. During the long illness of my husband, which resulted in his death last summer, the entire responsibility of our affairs was in my hands. I am a tax payer in Briscoe county and intend to make my home here for a long time to come.

In asking your support in the coming primaries, I am not appealing to your sympathy, for I am an able bodied woman, and able to take care of myself in several lines of endeavor, but I want you to vote for me for the reason that you want the office filled by one who is capable and will do the work efficiently and conscientiously.—Mrs. Frances Dawson.

Strongheart Wins More Popularity

Strongheart, the wonder dog, starring in his latest First National picture at the Folly Theatre, is proving one of the greatest attractions which has been shown in months. Since the release of his first picture, about two years ago, Strongheart has been one of the most popular stars on the screen, and his current production seems to hit the fancy of every one.

Perhaps it is because "The Love Master" is not a starring vehicle within the meaning of the description in motion picture circles. Strongheart is undoubtedly the leading member of the cast by right of the ability he displays, but the picture was not built up around him. The story is the main consideration, and because Strongheart has plenty of things to do and does them in splendid fashion he gains recognition as the star. But evidently he is not jealous, for he seems pleased to share honors with Mrs. Strongheart, registered in the American Kennel Club annals as Lady Julie, and five sons and daughters of his well as an extensive human cast including Lillian Rich and Harold Austin.

Then there are many thrills. The picture has hardly started before the heroine is caught far from home and safety by a pack of famished wolves, and only the speed of Strongheart saves her.

MCMURTRY FAVORS BUILDING ROAD ACROSS THE TULE

E. D. McMurtry, formerly in the abstract business here and now living on his farm-ranch in the Vigo Park community, was in Silvertown Monday. Mr. McMurtry is a believer in good roads and is highly in favor of improving the road across the Tule canyon. He believes that the road district should vote a tax and do the thing right. He pointed out that there is a valuation of \$400,000. in commissioner's precinct No. 4, and that a levy of only 5c per one hundred dollars valuation would provide \$20,000, which would be ample to improve the Tule crossing and to extend a good highway from the Tule to the north side of the county. He said that the tax would hardly be noticeable and that the citizens of that district would be more than repaid if they only made one or two trips over the road each year.

Mr. McMurtry said that he felt positive that if their district improved the road that the adjoining districts would fall in line and meet them so as to have a connected road through that part of the county. He said that district No. 4 was out of debt and that he was strongly in favor of taking on this work at the earliest possible moment.

MANY ATTEND XMAS TREE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Christmas tree at the Baptist Church was considered a nice affair, even though Santa was late. The tree itself bore many nice presents and was a very beautiful tree, reaching to the ceiling of the church-house and gifts to the top in full gleam. The ambitions of the Sunday School, namely—showing the little folks a happy Christmas, was really realized and it is thought that not a little boy or girl in the church house was misled. The little ones did fine with the program rendered before Santa arrived. A nice size crowd was in attendance.

BABY FOUND IN MANGER

The baby girl found in a hay manger on the F. N. Riney place north of Denton Wednesday morning still was "parentless" Thursday morning, according to a report made by Sheriff Fry. He said several persons had notified him that they had seen cars stopping near the place on the night

C. OF C. HEAD PREDICTS BIG YEAR FOR WEST TEXAS

Cisco, Texas—R. Q. Lee, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has recently issued the following statement to the press of the state: "You have heard much of California and a whole lot about the so called Florida boom and yet, the bona fide, substantial, honest development of West Texas fundamentally is greater than the progress of either of the two states named. It has not been so spectacular, it has not been heralded by thousands of dollars of paid publicity, nor has it been fostered by a few great railroad and steamship corporations. It has rather been the corporate and cumulative effort of thousands and hundreds of thousands of just ordinary human beings working systematically for the development of one of the fairest regions in the United States.

Every time an actual land settler has broken new ground in either Florida or California, four new settlers have done the same job in west Texas, and this shall continue for many years to come, for even the most thickly settled part of our west Texas counties are after all only thinly populated. Land prices in West Texas are based on crop values, cost of production and land fertility. In the boom state, land values are based on speculative promises and are bound to drop. West Texas is a safe bet.

Your organization, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce entered its eighth year on the 18th of December last and it has constantly stood as an exponent of substantial and fundamental progress in West Texas. It has consistently and determinedly fought against speculative conditions and boom prices, but everything that it has done would have been as nothing had it not always had the loyal and enthusiastic support of the press. Today West Texas is, man for man and woman for woman, one of the most prosperous regions in the world and it is so because of sound and substantial elemental conditions. 1926 is going to be the biggest year West Texas has ever known.

MANY ATTEND THE METHODIST CHRISTMAS TREE

A large crowd attended the Christmas Tree program at the Methodist church last Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The tree was held jointly by the Sunday schools of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Preceding the arrival of Santa Claus, which was delayed slightly by the lack of snow for his sleigh it is said, the following program was given, many of the little folks taking part: Song, Joy to the World; Prayer, Bro. Moore; Talk by Bro. Jenkins; Readings by Wilma Dickerson, George Bain and Norma Lee Burleson. Song by Joe Burson and Worth Alexander. Readings by Frances Coffee and Alvin Bain. Music by Katherine Norrid; Readings by Ruth Louise Bain and Florine Northcutt. Song by Four girls. Readings by Ruth Thomas, Gaynell Douglas and George Thomas. Song by little Tots.

The tree was loaded down with presents, in fact there were so many that many of them could not be put on the tree. Old Santa was assisted in distributing the gifts by Hazel Fort, Elva Pveatt, Lorina Summers, Gladys Smithee and Lavaca Meor.

Many said that they thought it was the prettiest tree they had ever seen and that old Santa was the best ever.

The baby was left in the Riney barn but he said he had found no clew as to who deserted the child thus far—Denton Record-Chr'l.

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OUR 1926 PLATFORM

As we look back over the events of the passing year, there is no use to deny that we are disappointed that many of our dreams have not come true. We had wished for more to be accomplished for Silverton than has been, although the past few months has seen possibly the greatest development here that has ever been in an equal period. During 1926 we shall still hope and boost for a railroad—any railroad. We are still sadly in need of more brick buildings including a modern hotel, bank buildings, theatre, new churches, etc. These will all come with the "depot," if not before. Silverton is still losing trade that is rightly her's by the lack of a passable road across the Tule canyon. With the proper encouragement and cooperation the people of the Vigo Park road district will improve this road the coming year. Things that we are going to hope for—and work for, in 1926, for Silverton and community, in addition to the above mentioned items, are: More farmers for Briscoe County who will produce more on fewer acres; A unified spirit of progress among the business interest of Silverton; the improvement of streets and sidewalks and the securing of a public water system.

The Homesteader
 By Robert J. C. Stead

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"Have I Got to Die on End, Like a Murderer?"

"Make him take them off!" Beulah insisted.
 "There is no rule against wearing gauntlets in a coroner's court," said the coroner. "I do not see the point of your objection."
 "Make him take them off," said Beulah.
 "As the young lady insists," said the coroner, turning to Gardiner. "I suggest that you comply with her request."
 "I should be glad to," said Gardiner, "but the fact is I have a sore hand. When I was giving the horse medicine the night Travers left me alone the brute nipped me a little, and I have been keeping it covered up since."
 "Make him take them off," said Beulah.
 "Why should you be so insistent?" said the coroner. "Surely it makes no difference."
 "Only this difference. You have heard my father's evidence of the fight in the old house. The man with whom he fought will have tooth marks in his hand. Make him take them off. Or if you won't—look at these hands." She seized Jim's hands in hers and held them up before the coroner and the jury. "Any tooth marks there? Now make this other man show his."
 For a moment all eyes were on Travers' hands. In that moment Gardiner rushed for the open window, and in another instant would have been through it, had not the quick arm of the policeman intercepted.
 "Not so fast, my man," said Grey. "Now we will see this horse bite of yours." Gardiner made no further resistance, and he drew the glove from his hand. There was a fresh scar on the right thumb.
 The coroner examined it carefully. When he spoke it was in the voice of a judge delivering sentence. "That is not a horse bite," he said. "Those are the marks of human teeth!"
 Gardiner smiled a faint smile. "Well, what are you going to do about it?" he said.
 "We are going to put you in Travers' place and tender him our apologies," said the coroner.
 But Travers had crowded into the center of the circle. "Gardiner," he said, "if you weren't under arrest I'd thrash you here and now. But you can at least do something to square yourself. Where is that money?"
 "That's right, Jim. Everyone thinks of what is nearest his heart."
 "You scoundrel! You know why it is near my heart. You have robbed Mr. Harris of all that he had spent his whole life for. You will have no chance to use that money yourself. You are sure of your living for the next 20 years. Why not show that you are not all had—that you have some human sentiments in you? It seems as little as you can do."
 "There may be something in what you say," said Gardiner. "I have a slip of paper here with the key to the secret."
 He reached with his finger and thumb in his vest pocket and drew out a small folded paper. This he unfolded very slowly and deliberately before the eyes of the onlookers. It contained a small quantity of white powder. Before any hand could reach him he had thrown his head back and swallowed it.
 "Too late!" he cried, as Grey snatched the empty paper from his fingers. "Too late! Well, I guess I beat you all out, eh? And, as I said before, what are you going to do about it? Twenty years, eh, Jim? You'll be scrawny and rheumatic by that time, and the beautiful Beulah will be fat and figureless. Twenty years for you, Jim, but 20 minutes for me—and I wouldn't trade with you, damn you! I beg the pardon of the ladies present. One should never forget to be a gentleman, even when—when—"
 But Gardiner's breath was beginning to come fast, and he raised his hands to his throat. A choking spell seized him, and he would have fallen had not the policeman and the coroner held him on his feet. "Let me lie down," he said, when he got his breath. "Let me lie down, can't you? Have I got to die on end, like a murderer?"
 They led him to the adjoining room, where he fell upon the bed. The muscles of his great arms and neck were working in contortions, and his tongue seemed to fill his mouth.
 "Most extraordinary," said the coroner. "Strychnine, doubtless. We can't do much for him, I'm afraid. We might try some mustard and hot water, Mrs. Arthurs."
 "Take your time, Lil," whispered Arthurs. "You may save your country a long board bill." But Lillian Arthurs' abhorrence of Gardiner's perfidy had been overwhelmed in a wave of sympathy for a suffering fellow being. She hurried to the kitchen, while the men of the party fled down the stairs and out into the yard. John Harris was the last to leave the

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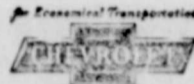
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Smart Fashion Emphasizes Blouse of Elaborate Type



The vogue for the separate blouse and skirt is in the ascendancy. So well do women of fashion think of it the two-piece effect in elaborated form is accepted as correct for evening dress as well as day-time wear. As a consequence, the separate blouse or tunic has become a glorified garment for the making of which stylists seek out gorgeous metal brocades and tissues, richly beaded and palleted fabrics, rare laces and elegant colorful velvets.

These abound in intricate needlework, also hand-painting which glows with the color of modernistic design. Metal embroidery also contributes its share of decorative interest.

For formal afternoon wear, the blouse in the picture finds favor. With such, the skirt of black velvet is considered tres chic. It must be interestingly flared either in circular form or with inset godets.

Scarf collars, lavishly embellished, form part of the design of the fashionable overblouse.

1925 STUDY CLUB

The regular meeting of the 1925 Study Club, will be held in the club room, promptly at 2:30 Wednesday, Jan. the 6th. Mrs. Dr. Minyard will lead the following program: Description of person and place—Leader.

The Technique of the short story—Mrs. R.E. Douglas.

The Substitute—Mrs. C. D. Wright.

The Thief—Mrs. F. P. Bain

The King of Boyville—Mrs. Ernest Tibbetts.

Miss Christopher Entertains

Miss Fay Christopher entertained a number of her friends Sunday noon with a turkey dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lin Christopher. Those enjoying her hospitality were: Misses Anna and Sadie Summers, Maud Dee and Eva Lena Skeen and Ruby Bomar, Messrs Orville, Orbin, Amos and Arnold Turner, Doyle and Eugene Simonson and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gourley.

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42 CLUB DINNER

The ladies of the "42 Club" were entertained last Friday evening with a six o'clock turkey dinner at the City Cafe, by the gentlemen members. The members and guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gourley, Mr. and Mrs. Miner Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fowler Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Whiteside, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bain.

After a delightful meal, all repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bain and enjoyed several games of 42. During the evening Mrs. Bain served a delicious punch.

ROYAL SERVICE PROGRAM

MONDAY, January 4th, 1926
Sunday—Praise Service—Privilege of Prayer—Mrs. Draper.
Monday, Japan's need of Christian Prayers and Gifts—Mrs. Jim Bomar.
Tuesday, Brazil's need of Christian prayers and gifts—Mrs. Buchanan.
Wed., China's need of Christian prayers and gifts—Mrs. Morgan
Thurs. Africa's need of Christians prayers and gifts -Mrs. Miller
Friday, Europe's need of Christians prayers and gifts—
Sat., Argentine's, Chile's and Mexico's need of Christians prayers and gifts—Mrs. Allard.

Local Items

J. E. Akers recently left this section and R. N. Sheid is the new man at the post at the Farmers Gin.

J. R. Foust was awakened by someone calling to him that his barn was on fire one morning last week end. The party calling was Greene Buchanan, and before he and Mr. Foust and his neighbors could put the fire out it had damaged him about fifty dollars.

The first bale of cotton to burn at the yard here burned Tuesday night. It was thought that it was afire when brought to the yard and Mr. Foust had it put away from the other cotton and Wed. morning it had burned.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Divinea a baby boy on Dec. 28.

Mrs. Stevenson who has been very sick for the past few weeks, but was getting better until Monday had another fight for life that day, but is apparently better again.

Mrs. J. R. Foust and children visited in the Stephens home southwest of town Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Steele of Dalhart visited in the Jeff W. Gunter home recently.

Dr. C. E. Harrington and family spent the holidays here with Mrs. Harrington's sister and parents, Mrs. W. L. Jewett and Mrs. A. M. McFall.

R. E. Douglas and family went to Canyon Saturday staying over

until Tuesday with Mr. Douglas' mother, Mrs. L. C. Douglas.

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T. J. Hodges and his daughter Miss Jewel and J. M. Heald left for Munday Wednesday morning where they will visit a few days.

T. L. Anderson issued a marriage license to Eufemio Balderaz and Magalena Ramirez, mexicans, Tuesday.

J. A. Fisher, father of J. S., is visiting here during the holidays Mr. Fisher's home is in Munday.

J. Lee Francis was in town Tuesday. He left his subscription for the Briscoe County News

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S. C. Wood and family spent Christmas in Cordell, Oklahoma. They expect to return there this week where they will make their home.

A number of students home from college, and others, enjoyed a pleasant social Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Ples Skeen.

N. T. Dickerson, wife and child of Canyon and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Hefner also of Canyon, visited with Mr. Dickerson's parents of Silvertown, during the past few days, returning yesterday to their home. Mr. Dickerson is an employe in the Randal County News and according to reports is fast making a printer out of himself.

See Manly Woods for J. R. Watkins Products.

BEVERLEY BRIEFS

Bob Bufkin and son Carl and J. J. Jackson made a trip to Tulia Wednesday.

Johnnie Brice and family was shopping in Tulia Wednesday.

Mr. Baxter motored to Tulia Wednesday.

W. A. Davis and son of Stamford, brother-in-law of Joe and Johnnie Bice, Also Henry Bice and children of Hamlin, visited at the Bice homes the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Den Rogers went to Tulia Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Bice and daughters visited in Tulia Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Byrd of Memphis visited at the home of Johnnie Bice recently.

Mrs. Smith, daughter of Mr. Baxter, has a new daughter at her home.

C. W. Luster, wife and four children of Dimmitt came in Thursday to spend Christmas with J. S. Pruett and family.

Vernon Taylor and wife of Denton, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pruett are visiting at the parental home.

Mrs. Joyce Shows and Miss Ruth Curry went to Tulia shopping Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Charles Hieslie, has returned from her visit with her sister, Mrs. Keys of Clarendon.

Henry Curry spent Christmas day with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Curry.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hodges of near Tulia spent Christmas with their sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bice.

Joe Bice came in from N. M. last Thursday.

J. J. Jackson enjoyed a nice Christmas dinner at the hosital home of Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Curry

Mrs. Emma Jackson left Thursday to spend the Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Ed Burleson of Silvertown, returning Sunday eve.

Miss Marivena Bartley, Beverly teacher, spent Christmas with home folks at Floydada. Mr. Bartley and wife of Floydada brought their sister, Miss Marivena, Sunday eve., also Miss Genevieve Shipley, who will spend the week with Miss Marivena.

Monroe Lowrey of Canyon spent the holidays with home folks.

Mr. Bufkin has decided to quit the Beverly country and move up near Amarillo. Wilbert Hyatt will take charge of the Glyn farm

Anyone wanting their county paper, the Briscoe County News, leave the price with I. I. Jackson and you will get the paper. J.J.J.

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Somebody Made a Mistake

Ona Dell Guest is "mad" at the editor. She is a music student under Mrs. W. M. Gourley and although she played a very beautiful piano solo at the junior recital given Monday night Dec. 21, her name failed to appear on the program or in the paper. Any way, Ona Dell stopped us on the street and told us just how mad she was and that is better than being mad and never saying anything about it. Sorry, Ona Dell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Smith are now rooming at the Patton place.

Mr. Morton and family of Quitaque spent Christmas at his father's home in Silvertown where a sumptuous Xmas dinner was spread and enjoyed.

Anyone having a good room or two and a garage or place in which a person could store a Ford, for rent, please call at News office

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Carter of Channing are spending a few days with their son, R.M. Mrs. R. M. Carter has charge of their Hotel at Channing during their absence.

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BETTER FARMING DEPARTMENT

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FARM SCHOOL OPENS HERE IN JANUARY

In practically every section of Texas during the past three years farm schools have been conducted by the Extension Service of the Texas A & M College, the vocational agricultural teachers and other Government agencies for the benefit of those who are already in the business of farming. These schools are no longer an

experiment, and their values are no longer questioned. During the last three years I assisted in conducting six farm schools and the interest and attendance was highly satisfactory. In fact one of the best ways an instructor of agriculture can sell his work to the public is through the farm school plan. And after having taken a farm survey of the Silverton community and gathering some actual facts from the farm-

ers own statements I am convinced that a farm school in this community is badly needed. In fact there should be a series of these night schools taking up many subjects of direct concern to every good farmer. Now just what problems should be taken up first is rather difficult to say, as there are many that need immediate consideration. The one big problem, however, to every farmer here, I believe, is on the question of seed improvement. In interviewing farmers at various times within the last few months the question of planting seed has often been discussed. Therefore I have decided on the following

subjects as suitable to take up during this first farm school.

Seed Improvement Program

Lesson I. Best varieties of seed to plant in this section. This applies to our main crops. The practical questions such as: Which are the best varieties of seed for this altitude, soil and climate, why? Where are the most reliable seed breeders located? Prices on seed. What advantages have pure seed over grade seed?

Lesson II. What are some practical and easy methods of testing seed before planting? How can a farmer get his seed tested free? Where to send seed and amount to send? When to send? What are some good reasons why all planting seed, especially in this section should be tested. What are the main advantages of knowing what your seed test if you want to buy some seed, or if you have some to sell, and before planting your seed.

Lesson III. Treatments of planting seed. What are the losses resulting from smut, etc.? Are there any losses in this community due to smut, rust and other fungous diseases? What are the effects of smut on market wheat, on seed wheat, on show wheat? The same applies to kafir and other grains. What are the three practical methods of treating wheat, oats, kafir and other grains before planting? How would you mix these preparations? How would you apply them? When would you treat the seed?

Lesson IV. Harvesting and Storing Planting seed. What are the causes of bin burnt, moldiness, mustiness, weevils, bleaching and other defects? What effects do these have on germination and on market prices? Prevention of these defects.

Lesson V. Marketing our grains. What are the various grades of grain on the market? How are these determined? Effects on prices? Causes for the different grades? How can farmers improve grades sold? How is the best methods to market grain, by individual efforts or through cooperative organizations?

Lesson VI. Breeding up your own Seed on your Farm. Practical methods of breeding up your

planting seed. What are the good points in selecting wheat for seed? How would you select it? What is a good type head of kafir, of maize? What are the best methods of developing such types

Lesson 7. Selection of Crop Exhibits for Show Purposes. How to select exhibits for County and State Fairs. 1. Field selection. 2. Curing exhibits. 3. Fitting for Show.

Now there are other questions in connection with this problem of seed improvement that no doubt will be brought up. Every farmer is requested to bring up for discussion any local problem that may have relating to this subject. In fact there will not be any discussion on any subject that does not represent some real problem found in our own farming territory. Anything of an impractical or theoretical nature will be ruled out of the discussions.

These meetings will be held as often as the farmers see fit to meet. They will be held at night, and be given at the agricultural Building of the Silverton High School. The building will be well lighted and heated and you will find everything as comfortable as you would at home. Any of the town citizens that are farm owners or those interested in the development of our farming interest are welcomed and invited to attend. All farmers of the Silverton trade territory are urged to attend as many of these meetings as convenient to do so.

There is no charge for this service whatever to any individual and no one so far as I know will receive any compensation for putting on this school. I expect to have some agricultural workers assist me but they will not be here at our expense. The date of the first meeting is not fixed at this writing, but will be given out in the near future.

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Haylake Happenings

We are having some real cold weather but everybody seems to be enjoying Christmas.

Mrs. Myers has been right sick but is able to be up now.

After an absence of two years Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walters have returned to the Haylake community and will make it their home the coming year on the W. M. Walters farm. We are glad to have them with us again.

Mrs. J. H. Burson and family from Clarendon are over spending the holidays with Mr. Burson at the home ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughn prepared a beautiful home Christmas tree and a splendid dinner on Christmas day which was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Elaine Yancy is home from Canyon spending her vacation.

The party at the A. T. Brooks home was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Askey spent Christmas with friends in town.

Several of the young folks spent Christmas with Alvin and Pauline McCutchen and all enjoyed Mrs. McCutchen's nice dinner.

Joe Morris, Demie and Houston Brooks are leaving for Winslow, Ariz. today. Good luck to you boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shave who have made their home for the past three years with Walter Walters are moving to one of J. D. Wallace's farms in the south part of the county. We regret to lose this estimable young couple and wish them success in their new home.

The young folks enjoyed a party at the home of D. H. Yancy Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McClendon had turkey dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Frieze Xmas.

Milton Ford, wife and sisters from Okla visited their aunt Mrs. H. L. Riddell during the week.

Homer Welch from the McMurry ranch in Swisher Co, is visiting homefolks.

J. M. Welch is building a house on his farm west of Haylake.

We are glad to have E. H. Cornett and family back after three weeks stay in Floyd county.

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